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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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To Commissioner For Patents

Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

Application Number	09/784,424
Filing Date	February 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	Youri Ponomarev
Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	ESTRADA, MICHELE
Attorney Docket Number	NL000139

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment (may not be a brief)

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

- a. ☒ The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270

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Applicant: Youri Ponomarev

Atty. Docket: NL 000139

Serial No.: 09/784,424

Art Unit: 2823

Filed: February 15, 2001

Examiner: Michelle Estrada

Title: Semiconductor Device With an Integrated CMOS Circuit With MOS Transistors Having Silicon-Germanium ($\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$) Gate Electrodes, and Method of Manufacturing Same

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as shown in marked up form in Appendix A and in clean form as follows:

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1. (Amended) A semiconductor device with an integrated CMOS circuit with NMOS and PMOS transistors having semiconductor zones which are formed in a silicon substrate and which adjoin a surface thereof, which surface is provided with a layer of gate oxide on which gate electrodes are formed at those areas of the semiconductor zones